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- A great fear of Soviet attack rules everywhere in Yugoslavia. This fear is spoken of frequently and openly; every method of self-preservation or escape is being examined and everyone is in doubt as to what to do. Especially frightened are Party members and those who have any connection whatsoever with the Party.
- The people fear the Soviets in consideration of the infamous crimes which they committed during the last war both in Yugoslavia and other countries and which they are committing today in the satellite countries. It is being said that the Soviets commit crimes of murder, looting, and immorality, and that they will commit them most savagely in Yugoslavia. As an example of the above, a certain Branko Lican, a member of the CPY and of the Ljubljana Militia, is allegedly already preparing a plan of escape to Trieste in case of Soviet attack. There are other examples, but in general everyone is preparing his own plans.
- The following psychosis exists among a good number of former Partisan officers who are now employed in various civilian jobs: "Why should we fight again and lose our heads? Everything which Tito has promised us in six years of

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liberation has proved to be nothing but lies. Tito and his collaborators fight only to remain in power and to save their own necks. In fighting again, we would have to perish for this misery which the Tito regime has brought us."

5. Cominformists in Slovenia generally carry on the following propaganda line against the Tito regime:
- a. Why do the Titoists lead the State, when they are not capable of doing it and when the whole nation is against them?
  - b. One should not attend political meetings because one gains nothing from them but only wastes his time. For six years we have listened to the same lies and attended the same useless discussions. The regime's ignorance has ruined the country. We did not fight for this. Tito and his henchmen have betrayed us and the sacrifices we made during the war.
  - c. The Yugoslav Radio broadcasts abominable lies and tricks the people; thus one should, as a general rule, not listen to it. Food and liberty should be given to the people; they have had enough of speeches, decorations and parades.



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